

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ അഞ്ചൽമാസ്റ്ററുടെ പേരിൽ വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവുമുണ്ടായിട്ടാണോ മാറിയത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: നോട്ടീസുവേണം.

Mr. President: You cannot have explanations on questions. If you want any information you can ask supplementary questions. I think I must stop the practice of question time being utilised to ventilate the grievances of subordinates. I think it is demoralising.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ ശങ്കരനെപ്പറ്റി വല്ലവരുടെ പക്ഷത്തിനും വല്ല ആക്ഷേപവും ഗവണ്മെന്റിനുള്ള കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: നോട്ടീസ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യപ്പി: ഈ സെക്യൂററി കെട്ടിയത് ആരാണ്.

Mr. P. J. George (Joint Secretary to Government): The person who underwent training earlier.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യപ്പി: ഈ സെക്യൂററി കെട്ടുവാൻ ശങ്കരനോടു ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: തീർച്ചയായും ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യപ്പി: ശങ്കരൻ ഏതുകൊല്ലത്തിലാണ് ഭയം നീക്കം ചെയ്തത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: നോട്ടീസുവേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അഞ്ചൽ സൂപ്പണ്ടിന്റെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ

ഈ അഞ്ചൽമാസ്റ്ററെ മാറ്റുവാനുള്ള വല്ല കാരണവും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: നോട്ടീസുവേണം പറയുവാൻ.

COCHIN BRIDGE, CHERUTHURUTHI—TOLL-GATE.

115. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was the toll-gate just to the south of the Cochin Bridge, Cheruthuruthi put up;

(b) the rates of toll fixed for different vehicles;

(c) to whom is the contract for collecting the toll entrusted with, and for what amount, and under what conditions;

(d) whether tenders were called for, or any auction conducted before entrusting the toll-gate to the present contractor;

(e) the name of the officer who recommended the present arrangement?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (a) On 4th June 1939.

(b) Half the usual rates.

(c) The toll was entrusted to Mr. Kizhakkepeedikayil Avaran Hajiar Muhamad for Rs. 475—8—3 per month. It is a special day-toll.

(d) Yes, tenders were called for.

(e) The Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know, Sir, when was the tender invited?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The toll was opened on the 1st of June. I sent people to the contractors for getting tenders from them on the 2nd June. The 3rd was a Sunday and on the 4th of June tenders were accepted.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I take it that there was no public notification?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): There was no time for notification. The toll was opened on the 1st. It had to be put into operation at once. Government ordered me to find a reasonable person for 2 months. I did the best that I could under the circumstances by sending special messenger to some of my approved contractors and getting tenders from them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the right of collecting tolls from the same bridge for 1115 has already been given on contract?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know the amount fetched by sale?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Rs. 6,040 or Rs. 500 a month.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether that was after inviting tenders?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Yes. By auction.

Mr. President: By public auction, is'nt it?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Is there any other instance of the Government collecting tolls from other bridges in Cochin State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): May I know why the Government thought it fit to levy a toll on this particular bridge?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): This bridge was constructed entirely at Government expense, and the benefits of the bridge accrue to many people outside the State who will have to use the toll. Our people are probably less affected. It is situated on the boundary of the State and the entire cost of construction was met by our Government. I think, when the bridge at Shoranur was first constructed at our cost, a toll was levied to recoup our cost.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Even for men?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Yes. Even for men who had to walk. That is the report.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Does not the Government know that the brunt of the burden falls upon Cochinites?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): No, you cannot say so. It is on the entrance of the Cochin State and people outside will have to get into our State for trade purposes. It is they who have to pay tolls mostly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Should not our people go out and come back to our State? And have they not to pay and will not the majority of the people pay the toll?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I may say our State has spent a large amount—about Rs. 50,000 and odd and we have a first class bridge and it is only fair that people who pass over the bridge bear some portion of that extra expenditure.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): I could very well understand if the Government levies only from foreigners who come to the State, but not from our people.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the Government contemplate to make this a permanent toll-gate?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): That does not arise on a question of this nature. The question was with respect to the rates and the amount fetched and the supplementary question is with regard to the future policy in regard to this.

DR. JACOBI—QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF.

116. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Chief Medical Officer or the Government has any official information from any Government or from any University as to the educational attainments of Dr. Hans Jacobi;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the Civil Surgeon in charge of the Civil Hospital in British Cochin reported to the